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THE MOUNT VERNON DEMOCRAT

L. HARPER, Editor and Proprietor.]

A FAMILY NEWSPAPER—DEVOTED TO POLITICS, NEWS, AGRICULTURE, LITERATURE, THE ARTS AND SCIENCES, THE MARKETS, &c.

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NUMBER 41.

TRAVELER'S GUIDE.

Cleveland, Mt. Vernon & Columbus R. R.

TIME TABLE.

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Pittsburgh, Cin. & St. Louis R. R.

Condensed Time Card—Pittsburgh & Little

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USEFUL INFORMATION.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Christian Church, Vine Street, between Gay

and McKean. Services every Sabbath at 10

o'clock A. M. and 7 o'clock P. M. Sabbath

School at 9 o'clock A. M.—Rev. J. H. GARVY.

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sandusky St.

—Rev. C. C. COOPER.

Presbyterian Church, corner Gay and Chest-

nut streets.—Rev. J. H. GARVY.

Methodist Episcopal Church, corner Gay and

Chestnut streets.—Rev. L. W. WALKER.

Protestant Episcopal Church, corner Gay and

West streets.—Rev. W. K. THOMPSON.

First Methodist Church, Mulberry street

between Sugar and Hantram.—Rev. DAVID

THOMAS.

Calvary Church, corner High and McKean

streets.—Rev. J. H. GARVY.

Baptist Church, Vine street, between Mul-

berry and Chestnut.—Rev. J. H. GARVY.

Congregational Church, Main street.—Rev.

IRA C. BILMAM.

Methodist Episcopal Church, corner Main

and Sugar streets.—Rev. J. H. GARVY.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

MASONIC.

Mr. Z. L. LORR, No. 9, meets at Masonic

Hall, Vine street, the first Friday evening of

each month.

CLINTON CHAPTER, No. 26, meets at Masonic

Hall, Vine street, the first Friday evening of

each month.

CLINTON COMMANDERY, No. 5, meets at Ma-

sonic Hall, the second Friday evening of each

month.

I. O. O. FELLOWS.

Mount Zion Lodge No. 29, meets in Hall

No. 1, Krenlin, on Wednesday evenings.

QUINCY LODGE No. 315, meets in Hall

at corner Main and Chestnut streets, every

Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock.

ROKINGHAM ENCAMPMENT meets in Hall No.

1, Krenlin, the 2d and 4th Friday evening of

each month.

Knights of Pythias.

Union Lodge No. 45, meets at 45 E. of

Quindaro Hall, on Thursday evenings.

Improved Order of Red Men.

The Mohican Tribe No. 69, of the I. O. R. M.,

meets every Monday evening, in the old

Masonic Hall.

I. O. G. T.

Knocking Lodge No. 10, meets in Hall No.

2, Krenlin, on Friday evenings.

KNOX COUNTY DIRECTORY.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Common Pleas Judge.—JOHN ADAMS.

Clerk of the Court.—SAMUEL BRENT.

Prosecuting Attorney.—CLARK IRVINE.

Sheriff.—JOHN M. ARMSTRONG.

Probate Judge.—C. C. CRITCHFIELD.

Auditor.—JOHN M. EWALT.

Treasurer.—WM. E. DUNKHAM.

Recorder.—JOHN S. MYERS.

Surveyor.—E. W. COTTON.

Coroner.—GEORGE SHIRAZ.

Commissioners.—F. Halsey, John Lynn,

John C. Levering.

Township Officers.—Richard Campbell,

Adverse Township.—John M. Ewalt, Isaac

Lafayette, Jr. and

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

Berlin Township.—S. J. Moore, Shaler's

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The Banner.

Written for the Banner.

THE BACHELORS OF MT. VERNON.

CHAPTER SECOND.

JOHN M. ARMSTRONG.

And now comes another dignitary, the

Pay Up and Save Costs.

Pursuant to notice, we shall this week erase the names of a number of delinquents from our subscription books, and put the accounts in the hands of Justices of the Peace for collection. Many of those in arrears have responded promptly—others have paid a portion of their dues, and promise to pay the balance soon. But by far the greater number have made no response whatever to our call. We know that times are hard, and money is scarce, and wishing to be as accommodating as possible, we have concluded to extend the time of payment until the first of March to those who are in arrears for only a few years; but after that time no account will be accepted if the costs of collection are added to the price of the paper.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

—Tramps are circulating the small pox throughout the country.

—The Baptists of Mt. Gilead are holding a protracted meeting.

—Green peas, grown in the open air, are in the Savannah market.

—Since the middle of December the afternoon has grown half an hour longer.

—We make no charge to the Democracy for publishing notices of township meetings.

—More large hogs have been reported this season than any year ever before known.

—We pity the Postmaster and his assistants during the prospective valentine season.

—One street in Toledo has twenty-four saloons. That would be a good field for crusading.

—We are prepared to furnish envelopes printed at the lowest rates. We can beat city prices.

—John Fyfe, one of the leading Dry Goods merchants of Newark, has made an assignment.

—In order to have a little fun, we suggest that the folks get up a calico ball in Mt. Vernon.

—A sublime spectacle—to see a girl on skates who doesn't know how to use them gracefully.

—The murder of John McCormick is the only horror of the kind ever committed in Mt. Vernon.

—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Keech of West Point, Morrow county, celebrated their Golden Wedding on the 12th ult.

—Even if the times are hard, that is no reason why you should put old buttons in the collection plate on Sunday.

—Keep your house securely fastened whenever you leave it, if you would have your goods protected from thieves.

—Spring bonnets will be of straw, with wide brims extending over the forehead and trimmed on the inside with flowers.

—The name of the L. S. & T. V. Railway has been changed to the Cleveland, Tuscarawas Valley and Wheeling Railroad.

—You ought to take pride in supporting your home paper. It is a mistake to believe that hard times don't effect local papers.

—The new Columbus Depot will be formally occupied on the 15th inst. Barney McCabe has been appointed Superintendent.

—Frank McGugin, who has been spending a few weeks among friends in this vicinity, returned to his home in Iowa on Monday.

—Selah Chamberlain, of Cleveland, bought the Lake Shore and Tuscarawas Valley Railway, one day last week, for \$1,000,000.

—Young man, if you go out west to grow up with the country, remember that mercury congel'd at 40 degrees at Omaha this winter.

—Philip Andrews, an old resident of Knox county, died suddenly on last Thursday. He was 72 years old and one of the early settlers of the county.

—Judge Therman has cur thanks for copy of his great speech on the Bayonet Government in Louisiana, delivered in the U. S. Senate on the 27th of January.

—That was a sensible old chap in Delaware, who, dying the other day, said, "Don't write any poetry about me, and don't fool around about a monument."

—A new moon put in its appearance on Monday evening. According to the signs in the Dutch almanac it will be a "dry moon," as it was "lying upon its back."

—MARRIED.—By Pastor A. J. Wiant, Mr. Albert Critchfield and Miss Lydia Langford. The happy couple were united at the Rowley House, on Thursday last, Feb. 4th.

—F. W. Helmick, music dealer, Cincinnati, sends us a copy of a new moral song and chorus entitled, "Remember Deeds of Kindness." Sent postpaid for 35 cents.

—The residence of Mr. Levi Fadel, in Miller township, was entered by burglars on Monday evening, while the family were at church, and clothing, provisions and other articles stolen.

—There are still those who consider Mr. G. Hog an orthodox weather prophet, and claim that he prognosticated the Greenland atmosphere we have enjoyed for a week or two past.

—The City Council of Mansfield has authorized the Mayor to give notice that no tramps or vagrants will be harbored or lodged after the 20th of February. Why can't the Mt. Vernon Council take similar action?

—We have a report that Mrs. J. J. Roggen, of Lincoln, Nebraska, formerly of Mt. Vernon, has come into possession of three millions of dollars by the death of a relative in Chicago. If true, we congratulate her.

—Herr Drobach, the famous lion tamer, who took unto himself a Wayne county lady for a wife, is now keeping a Hotel at Apple Creek station, on the C. Mt. V. & R. Railroad, and the knowing ones say it is a right good one, too.

—We are gratified to be able to state that our townsmen, John Ponting and James Hutchinson, who were confined to their homes for some time, (the former from sickness and the latter from a fall on the ice), are again able to attend to business.

—There was an "upper ten" wedding over at Millersburg last week, and among the bridal presents were the following:—A pair of pebble goat shoes from the bride's brother-in-law; a glass door plate from her grandmother's uncle; a half dozen case knives and a kerosene lamp from the bride's mother-in-law; also, a nutmeg grater and some mantel ornaments from her school friends.

—The store of Fair & Strom, at Bloomfield, Holmes county, was destroyed by fire on the night of the 31st inst. Nothing was saved. Loss about \$10,000, with an insurance of \$7,000.

—Our friend Wm. Inks, of Mechanicsville, Iowa, will accept our thanks for a copy of the last Agricultural Report of that State, which we shall have occasion to refer to frequently.

—Copies of our extra of Monday, giving an account of the murder of "Deacon" McCormick, were sent to all our exchanges, and we have already received (before the BANNER is issued), about a dozen different papers which have copied our report in full.

—L. C. Bailey, Cashier of the Central Bank of Columbus, has resigned, and W. H. Richards has been promoted from teller to Cashier. Mr. Bailey will devote his attention to the business of the Columbus Chair Company, of which he is a large stockholder.

—The Prohibitionists hold a mass Convention at Columbus, on the 24th inst., to nominate candidates for the following offices: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Auditor of State, Treasurer of State, Judge of Supreme Court, Attorney General, and Member of Board of Public Works.

—Delaware dispatch, (Feb. 6) to Columbus Journal: Court is still in session. Most of the criminal cases have been disposed of and also many civil ones. Judge Adams deserves the thanks of the people generally for his executive ability and for the push he exhibits in the transaction of business.

—A little child of James Stanford met with a severe accident on Friday morning last. It had been playing near a stove when its clothes caught fire and before relief could be obtained was burned in a shocking manner. At first the little one's life was despaired of, but by careful attention it will recover.

GAMBLER ITEMS.

—The Rev. Morris A. Tyng, lately returned from Europe, spent a few days in Gambier, last week.

—Mr. C. B. Harkman, son of William Harkman, Esq., of Harrison township, who has been a resident of Denver, Colorado, for the last nineteen years, is visiting his father.

—Through the negligence of a switch tender the local freight train on last Saturday morning, was thrown from the track, and delayed the Columbus excursion train some two hours.

—The first lecture of the student's course was given last Friday evening, by U. T. Curran, Esq., of Sandusky, in Ross Hall. His subject was "Glacial Phenomena," and was ably and interestingly handled.

—The next lecture will be on Friday night. Among the lecturers for the course are Mr. Harvey, of Columbus, Rev. Mr. Bates, of Newark, and Professors Tappan, Strong, Sterling and Schaffer, of Gambier.

Welsh's Green House Burned.
About 4 o'clock Friday morning a fire broke out in the Green Houses of Marion Welsh, on Gambier Avenue, and in a short space of time was entirely consumed. Mr. Welsh had been up during the night to replenish the fire in the furnace of the green house, and when he went to bed about three o'clock, everything looked safe. The fire was discovered by a neighbor and an alarm was sounded, the steamer and hand engines going to the scene, but could render no assistance, as the fire had made too much progress. There were four green houses in all; two of them 12x50 feet and two 15x50 feet in dimensions, and contained some 50,000 plants in pots, some of them imported and very valuable, and were a total loss, as Mr. Welsh had no insurance. He estimates the value of the property and stock destroyed between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

About a "State Senator."
A man whose full name we have not learned, but who said he was a "State Senator" in Pennsylvania, stopped at the Bergin House on Tuesday, and being somewhat "fatigued," went to bed about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. He awoke about 7 o'clock, his room being full of smoke. Upon examination it was found that the bed and the carpet were set on fire, but how the man could not explain. He was arrested and taken before Justice Greer, when he made a statement, saying that he had been drinking but was unconscious of doing anything wrong. The Justice sent him up to the Armstrong House to "cool off." When coming to his senses the "Senator" felt very sorry for what occurred, and after paying his fine, departed, promising to behave himself better hereafter.

Daring Highway Robbery.
Mr. Frank Scott, traveling salesman for Remy, Hodges & Walters, of Mansfield, while on his way, in a buggy, from Oxford to Napoleon, in Holmes county, on Saturday last, was accosted by three tramps, who stopped his horses and demanded his money. Upon his refusal to comply with the request one of them struck a blow in the head with a club, and then robbed him of a pocket-book containing about \$6. Mr. Scott had been making collections for the firm, and had \$700 in another pocket-book, which the villains failed to secure.

School House Burned.
A frame school house in Hilliar township, located on the farm of Henry Rice, about one-fourth of a mile North of Rich Hill, was burned to ashes about midnight on Monday night. Loss about \$700—no insurance. The fire was discovered by members of Mr. Rice's family, where the teacher boarded, but it was too late to even make an effort to save it. Whether the fire was the result of accident or the work of an incendiary, there is considerable difference of opinion.

New Fair Grounds.
The Knox County Agricultural Board has appointed the following members to select a site for new Fair Grounds, viz: Ira McFarland, S. A. Parmenter, James White, W. F. E. Clark, George W. Dunn, O. G. Daniels and A. J. Dickson.

It is a foregone conclusion that the old Fair Grounds are to be abandoned, it is to be hoped that a selection may be made that will not only be convenient to the City, but will be easy of access to the farmers of every part of the county.

MARRIED.
At the residence of the bride's father, on Gay street, by the Rev. O. H. Newton, Mr. JOHN S. MCCONNELL of Pittsburgh, Pa., to Miss MARY MILLS of Mt. Vernon, O.

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HORROR OF HORRORS!

MURDER!

Most Foul and Unnatural!

JOHN MCCORMICK,

One of Mount Vernon's Most Prominent Business Men,

BUTCHERED IN COLD BLOOD!

INTENSE EXCITEMENT IN OUR CITY!

A Pocket Book Full of Money Stolen!

NO CLUE TO THE MURDERER!

HEAVY REWARD OFFERED!

Our citizens were startled on Saturday morning by a report that our well known fellow-citizen Mr. JOHN MCCORMICK, (usually called "Deacon" McCormick), Iron Merchant in the Krenville Building, had been murdered in his store on the night previous. We hastened to the premises, and found a large crowd of people in front of the store, but the room being already full the officers were compelled to lock the door against further obstruction.

HOW THE MURDER WAS DISCOVERED.
Mr. Harvey Brannan, blacksmith, on Front street, (who was one of Mr. McCormick's customers), went to the store about 8 o'clock on Saturday morning, for the purpose of buying horse-shoe nails. Knowing Mr. McCormick's habits of early rising he was surprised to find that the blinds had not yet been removed from the front door and window. He noticed, however, that the door was ajar, but his hand was darkened inside. He entered and paused a moment to ascertain if any person was in the room. By this time his eyes, adapting themselves to the darker atmosphere of the store, discovered what appeared to be the body of a man lying on the floor about the centre of the room, near the stove. He approached, and was amazed and horrified to find the dead body of the man he was looking for stretched on the floor, his skull broken, and his head lying in a pool of blood! Mr. Brannan ran out and communicated the awful news to George Bunn and others, and in a moment the store room was crowded with people.

It was soon found necessary for the officers to request all persons to leave whose business there was more curiosity.

WHEN LAST SEEN ALIVE.
The last person who saw and conversed with the murdered man was Mr. Jeff Sapp, who keeps a grocery store next door. Here Mr. McCormick entered about 7 o'clock the previous evening, and sat and chatted for about half an hour, appearing to be in unusually good spirits. He then went into his store, and closed, but did not lock his door, and proceeded, it is supposed, to read his daily paper (the Cincinnati Gazette), as has been his custom for years.

HOW AND WHEN THE MURDER WAS COMMITTED.
As the deceased has always been very regular in his habits, leaving his store room about 9 o'clock in the evening for his boarding house and then retiring for the night, the murder was unquestionably committed between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock on Friday evening. From the appearance of things in the morning, the conclusion is irresistible that one or more persons entered the store between the hours mentioned, under the pretense of buying some iron, but really to commit a robbery. The newspaper, which the deceased had been reading, was found thrown carelessly on a pile of iron, back of the spot where his chair stood, near the stove, as though he had laid it there while waiting upon customers. Two slips of light iron (one a round and the other a flat bar, were found on the scales, which were balanced. On the iron block on which the iron is cut, was found a rod of half inch round iron, a piece of which was partly cut off. These facts go to prove that the murderer or murderers did not come to buy iron, but to commit a robbery, as it was generally understood that the deceased had a large sum of money, supposed to be from \$1000 to \$3000 in a pocket book which he kept concealed somewhere in the store. This pocket book probably being produced to make change, when the slips of iron on the scales were weighed, the murderers pretended to want a little more iron, in order more successfully to carry out their purposes; and it is believed that while Mr. McCormick was stooping down, one knee on the floor, in the act of cutting off the other slip of iron, he was struck on the head three or four blows with a hammer, breaking his skull and producing instant death. Blood was found on the floor near where the cutting was done, as if it had spurted in a small stream from a wound, and blood and hair were found on two hammers, close to where the dead body rested, one a small cold-chisel hammer, and the other a sledge weighing about eight pounds, the very one used by the deceased in cutting iron, which was no doubt taken from his hand after the first blows had been given with the small hammer. When discovered the body was stretched on the floor, the head towards the front (or West) entrance, and the feet about two yards from the iron cutting block. This goes to show that after the blows had been given by the small hammer (each one of which broke the skull and would have produced death) the deceased struggled and fell over on the floor at the spot mentioned, when to complete their murderous and horrible work a heavy blow was given on the top of the head with the sledge, which mashed the skull in a horrible manner, the blood and brains pouring out upon the floor!

THE ROBBERY.
Deacon McCormick always kept a large sum of money—\$5, \$10, \$20, \$30 and \$100 notes, in a large pocket book which he deposited in his safe during business hours, which, it is supposed, he concealed behind the piles of iron before he left the store at night. This pocket-book is missing, and it is believed it was the only thing valuable the murdering robbers obtained. Various small sums of money, a watch and other articles, were found in the pockets of the deceased, untouched. There was also some change in the safe, and about \$30 in small currency in a drawer behind the counter, which were undisturbed. The safe, which was found unlocked in the morning, indicated that it had been searched hastily, but not thoroughly, as the small change was untouched in the drawers. The safe is an old-fashioned one, which was not considered burglar-proof, and for this reason Mr. McCormick did not make it the depository of his money, bonds, or other valuable property.

WEALTH OF THE DECEASED.
The deceased was one of the wealthy citizens of Mt. Vernon, and as he owned but little real estate his means were mostly in ready money, bonds and notes, besides a heavy stock of iron. We have heard his wealth variously estimated from \$50,000 to \$80,000. All this has been accumulated by a long life of industry and economy. When he came to Knox county in 1835, he was quite a poor young man, and for several years supported himself by manual labor. After accumulating about one hundred dollars he bought a few plows and a small lot of iron, and with these he laid the foundation of his future wealth. He was very close and attentive to business, never employed a clerk or salesman, and very seldom even called for assistance in carrying great loads of heavy iron into his store-room.

HIS MARRIED.
About the year 1828, to a lady near Oakland, Va., by whom he had three children, all sons, two of whom are still living, and are carrying on farming operations in Iowa, he having bought each of them a valuable farm. His marriage did not prove a happy one, and he and his wife parted a short time before he came to Mt. Vernon. His wife obtained a divorce and was married again. He visited his sons in Iowa occasionally, and always spoke encouragingly of their prosperity.

HIS ECCENTRIC HABITS.
Deacon McCormick, although fond of money and hoarding and hiding it away, by no means a miser. He was always ready to loan his money and assist his friends in their business operations. He never was without money, and could make change, cash a draft, or make a loan, to almost any amount, whenever called upon. He did not make money lending or note shaving a business, and it was more to accommodate his personal friends than anything else that he loaned money at all. He seemed to have but little faith in banks, and hence he kept but little business money there. Still he kept a standing deposit account, which was but seldom increased or diminished. His surplus money, bonds, &c., he always kept hidden in his store—the gold and small change in bags, some bank notes in an old wallet, and his bonds rolled up and placed in a tin tube—which were deposited on the floor behind several tons of iron which stood upright on the north side of the store. Mr. Charles Cooper appears to have been the only person to whom he entrusted the knowledge of this place of deposit, and after the appointment of Wm. McClelland as Administrator, on Saturday, a search was made behind the iron, at the instance of Mr. Cooper, and four small bags and an old wallet and the tin tube alluded to were found, and were taken by Mr. McClelland and Mr. Cooper to the Knox County National Bank for deposit. The contents were as follows: Government Bonds, \$9,350; Greenbacks, \$4,753; Gold, \$81,500; Silver, \$23,500; Five-cent notes, \$62,200; Pennies, \$27,000; Fractional currency, \$20,700—total \$143,117.92. Some of this money, the bank notes especially, must have been kept on hand for a long time, as the notes struck so close together that it was difficult to separate them. The pennies and nickels were not all accumulated in the way of business, for most of them were entirely new—it being the habit of the deceased, when a new emission came from the mint to the bank, if he took a fancy to their appearance, to buy many dollars worth, not so much for change as to put away for safe keeping. These eccentric habits seem to have been pretty well known, and the fact that he kept large sums of money in his store, and especially a large pocket-book full of money, was also well known; and this afforded the temptation for the robbery and horrible murder above detailed.

DISPOSITION OF THE BODY.
The body was placed on the counter, and Doctors Larimore, Russell, Jr., McMillen and Gordon, made a careful examination and memorandum of the wounds on the skull, either one of which, they declared, was sufficient to produce death. They washed the blood away, covered the deep cuts with plaster, and attached with a needle and thread the right ear which had been severed by one of the blows. The body was then dressed, placed in a coffin by an undertaker and removed to the residence of Mr. Charles Cooper until the funeral obsequies take place.

THE CORONER'S INQUEST.
Justice Greer, acting as Coroner, directed Sheriff Armstrong to summon a jury, when the following gentlemen were called upon to discharge that duty: L. Harper, Noah Boynton, S. H. Peterson, Fred S. Crowell, Lewis Britton and Geo. H. Tilton. The jury met at the Council Chamber at 2 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, remained in session several hours, and examined a number of witnesses, but elicited no facts beyond those detailed above; and for this reason we deem it unnecessary to give the evidence in full. Several persons, whose testimony was supposed to be of importance, could not be found, and hence it was deemed proper to adjourn the Inquest until 2 o'clock on Monday.

HEAVY REWARDS.

Soon after the discovery of the murder some of our citizens, who were in the Iron Store where the murder was committed, determined that handbills should be issued at once, offering a reward of \$1,000 for the apprehension and conviction of the murderer or murderers who committed the murder. The following is a copy of the handbill, which was sent by mail on Saturday to the Chief of Police of all the cities and principal towns in the State:

MURDER.
\$1,000 REWARD.
THE above reward will be paid by the undersigned citizens of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, for the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons who committed the Iron Store murder of John McCormick, in said city, on Friday night, February 6th, 1875, and murdered said McCormick in cold blood.

COOPER.
WM. MCCLELLAND,
S. BOYNTON,
L. HARPER,
JOHN COOPER.
Mount Vernon, Ohio, Feb. 6th, 1875.

Subsequently, a meeting of the City Council was held, when a preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted, authorizing the Mayor to offer a reward of \$2,000 and also to pay an additional sum not exceeding \$500 to employ special police or detectives. The following is a copy of the handbill issued by the Mayor:

MURDER OF JOHN MCCORMICK!
\$2,000 REWARD.
A Reward of Two Thousand dollars is hereby offered by the City of Mount Vernon, for the apprehension and conviction of the murderer or murderers of John McCormick, in said city, on the evening of the 6th day of February, A. D. 1875.

INTERESTING EXCITEMENT.
As may well be supposed, this murder has created intense excitement in this vicinity, where the deceased has long lived, and been engaged in business; and who, it was believed, had not a single enemy.

Business seemed to be entirely suspended during the day. People gathered in groups on the streets and in the stores, and talked about nothing else. Terrible indignation prevailed, and if the murderer had been found, at any time that day, it would have been a difficult matter to have restrained the people from lynching him.

NO CLUE TO THE MURDERER.
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The above was issued in an Extra from this office on Monday morning.

The funeral of John McCormick took place from the residence of his old friend Charles Cooper, Esq., on Monday afternoon, and was largely attended. Rev. Wm. Thompson delivered an appropriate and affecting address on the occasion.

The Coroner's Jury has been in session every day (Sunday excepted) since the horrible murder was committed; and in answer to constant inquiries, we will here publicly state that up to the time of putting our paper to press (noon, Thursday), no positive evidence has been elicited identifying any person as the murderer.

The police are very active—leaving not a stone unturned, to discover the perpetrators of this horrible deed.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Knox County Savings Bank,
Three Doors North Public Square,
EAST SIDE,
MT. VERNON, O.

Interest Paid on Deposits.
BANKING BUSINESS.
All money deposited in this Bank by minors, or married women, shall be fully under their control, payable to them on their request, without regard to any guardian or husband.

TAKE NOTICE.
For sixty days Ringwalt & Jennings will sell Dry Goods at greatly reduced prices. You can buy your Muslins, Prints, Dress Goods, Cassimeres, Water Proofs, or any thing else in the Dry Goods line, lower than they have ever been sold in Mt. Vernon. J29-4.

HUNT pays the highest price for Butter and Eggs and sells choice Groceries as cheap as any other House in the city. He sells no inferior worthless Goods. Customers will find to their interest by either fire either selling or buying to call on Hunt—second door north of Gambier St. No. 137 Main street Mt. Vernon, O. 26

Removal.
James Sapp has removed his Boot and Shoe Store to the Banning Corner (his old quarters), corner of Main and Vine street, where we will be happy to see his old friends and customers.

THOSE BIG COYSTERS!
The best in Market, kept constantly on hand and for sale by JAMES ROGERS, on Vine street. Oct 16.

We believe Bogardus & Co. sell Hardware cheaper than any other house in Mt. Vernon. Call and see them. D19tf

The best of Machine and Coal Oil for sale at Baker Bros' new Drug Store sign of the Big Hand. June 26

The best place in the city to buy your Drugs, Patent Medicines, Perfumery and get a good kind of Soda, is at Baker Bros., sign of the Big Hand.

If you want nice fitting Clothes go to J. L. Millers. He guarantees a fit every time.

Barrow's Cholera Cure will relieve you of cholera or any summer complaint. Baker Bros. agents for Knox county.

Corn Husks for Mattresses, for sale at Bogardus & Co's. Mch27tf

All the different kinds of patent medicines and soothing ointments for sale at Baker Bros. new Drug Store, sign of the Big Hand. J17-

Dyspepsia! Dyspepsia!
That head-ache disorder, with its Depressive, Sick Headache, Stomach, Scalding Eruptions, Oppressive Fullness, Loss of Appetite, Want, Wasted Appearance, and Nervous Debility, all indicating imperfect digestion and assimilation of food, and thereby lack of nutrition, so extremely necessary to the support of the body, can be effectively cured by the use of HOGGINS' GERMAN BITTERS, the favorite prescription of that eminent German physician, Christopher W. Hoggins, of Langen-Salza, Germany, the efficacy of which for him many marks of distinction by the crowned heads and nobility of Europe. It uses the stomach to healthy action, regulates the bowels, restores the torpid liver, promotes natural perspiration, invigorates the nerves, and restores all the functions of Nature to vigorous health. The efficacy of this remedy is daily acknowledged by the happy subjects of its treatment, who now enjoy robust, glowing health.

HOOGLAND'S PODOPHYLLIN PILLS are recommended when a brisk purgative is required. They are the best Anti-Bilious Pills extant.

JOHNSTON, HOLLOWAY & CO., Proprietors, Philadelphia. Sold by all Druggists.

J. S. BRADDOCK'S REAL ESTATE COLUMN.

NO. 91.
112 ACRES, 2 of a mile from Hunt's Station, on the Newark road in Morgan township. Hewed log house. Good frame stable and other out buildings, good wells and cisterns, also, apple orchard, good orchard, fence in good repair, 20 acres timber. Price \$800 per acre. Will divide, and sell 11 acres on East side of road at \$80; and 61 acres on West side of road at \$5 per acre. There is water, timber and buildings on each tract. Terms—one-third down, balance in one and two years.

NO. 92.
HOUSE and two lots—corner of Sandusky and Hantramick streets. House contains 6 rooms and a No. 1 cellar. Good cistern, well and fruit on the lot. Price \$1500 cash. This is decidedly a bargain.

NO. 93.
6 ACRES in Pike township 9 miles N. E. of Mt. Vernon, 3 miles N. W. of Adams, good hewed log house, stable, good orchard of Apple and Peach trees. This property would be suitable for a Blacksmith's store, or a good location for a shoemaker. Price \$300—terms \$100 cash and \$200 per year.

NO. 94.
TO RENT—Store room on Main street; also rooms suitable for office or dwelling on Main and on Gambier streets.

NO. 95.
HOUSE and Lot on Vine street, two square East of Post-office—house is a two story frame containing 8 rooms and good cellar. Fruit, a No. 1 well, cistern, etc. on the lot. Good stable and buggy shed. Fine location and convenient to business. Price \$3000—terms \$1000 down; balance in three equal annual payments. A bargain.

NO. 96.
40 ACRES in Union county, Iowa. Small stream of water across one corner; 2 miles from Mt. & R. R. 7 miles from Adams, the county seat of Union county, which has a population of 1,000; 5 miles from Creston, on the R. and Mt. R. R., a thriving town of 500 inhabitants. Price \$400, on long time, or will exchange for house and lot in Mt. Vernon, worth from \$500 to \$1,000, and difference paid in cash. Call soon if you want a bargain.

NO. 97.
499 ACRES of land in Pentrest county, Tennessee, 8 miles Northeast of Jamestown, the county seat, in a finely timbered region, and is within the coal measures. Price \$2000, on long time, or \$5 per acre cash down.

NO. 98.
CALL at Braddock's office and see specimen of Nebraska and Iowa soil, also specimen of produce grown in those rich countries such as Wheat, Corn, Oats, Flax Seed, Timothy Seed, Barley, Buckwheat, Beans, Millet, Cud, Peas, Mangel Potatoes, etc.

NO. 99.
100 1-2 ACRES, 41 miles from Mt. Vernon, Knox county, good frame house, with cellar, good cistern and in the kitchen door, two orchards of choice fruit, fencing in splendid repair—20 acres of R. and Mt. R. R. Price \$1000 down, balance in payments to suit purchaser.

NO. 100.
HOUSE and Lot corner of Norfolk and Hantramick streets. House, 5 rooms and cellar, well, cistern, fruit, stable, etc. and the lot. Will sell at the low price of \$1800—\$650 down; balance in 1 and 2 years.

NO. 101.
HOUSE and two lots on Sandusky street—Good well, fruit, stable, etc. Price \$900—Terms \$500 cash; balance in one year. A bargain.

NO. 102.
GOOD Building Lot on Prospect street, near Fifth Ward School House. Price \$500. Terms \$100 per month. A bargain.

NO. 103.
HOUSE and Lot on Vine street, three squares from Post-office. House contains 8 rooms and cellar. Well, cistern, fruit, stable, etc. on the lot. Will sell on long time at \$2000 or will exchange for other property. A bargain.

NO. 104.
SOLDIERS' Homestead Law, Guide to the West, with a beautiful colored Township Map of Nebraska and part of Kansas, sent post paid for 25 cents, or five for \$1.

NO. 105.
WANTED—To purchase, land in Western Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska.

NO. 106.
10,000 ACRES OF LAND WANTED. MILLIONS of acres on the R. & M. R. R. in Iowa and Nebraska, at low prices, on long time. Call or send for Circulars, maps and descriptive pamphlets of this rich and beautiful country.

NO. 107.
GOOD BRICK HOUSE, 8 rooms, cellar, well, cistern, stable, doctored on High street, near Main. Price \$4000.

NO. 108.
IF you want to BUY A LOT, if you want to sell a lot, if you want to buy a house, if you want to sell a house, if you want to borrow money, if you want to loan money—in short, if you want to HAVE A MOST OF IT, call on J. S. BRADDOCK, Over Post Office, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

NO. 109.
Horse and buggy kept; no trouble or expense to show farms. Feb. 13, 1874.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
—AND—
A Happy New Year

FRIENDS AND PATRONS.
TO ALL OUR

J. Sperry & Co.
HOLIDAY GOODS

Lower Prices than Ever.
A USEFUL PRESENT IS A PAIR OF BLANKETS!

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J. SPERRY & CO.
West Side Public Square
Mt. Vernon, Dec. 18, 1874.

For Sale or Rent.
OFFER for sale or rent, (possession to be given on the first of April), a lot of 10 acres on the Coates road, in Monroetownship, 31 miles from Mt. Vernon. The house is a comfortable two-story log building, with stable, blacksmith shop, and other out-buildings, and has an abundance of choice fruit. The lot is an acre and a half, with a good fence, and other particular call upon or address the undersigned, on the premises.

NOTICE.
The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Cleveland, Mount Vernon and Delaware Railroad Company, for the election of Officers, and transaction of other business, will be held at the principal office of said company, in the City of Mt. Vernon, Knox county, Ohio, on Wednesday, the 24th day of February next, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

PSYCHOMANCY, OR SOUL CHARMING.
How doth it vex you, how doth it vex you, and gain the love and affection of any person you choose, instantly. This simple mental equipment can be passed from you, by mail, for 25 cents; together with a Marriage Guide, Egyptian Oracle, Dreams, Hints to Ladies. A counter-balance to the best Anti-Bilious Pills extant.

JOSEPH H. SNYDER.
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